

# SAFETY ON THE LINE



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*"Do what we can, summer will have its flies." Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## • FireWorks Safety

To help you celebrate safely this Fourth of July, the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Council on Fireworks Safety offer the following safety tips:

- Always read and follow label directions.
- Have an adult present.
- Buy from reliable sellers.
- Use outdoors only.
- Always have water handy (a garden hose and a bucket).
- Never experiment or make your own fireworks.
- Light only one firework at a time.
- Never re-light a "dud" firework (wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water).
- Never give fireworks to small children.
- If necessary, store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then disposing of them in your trashcan.
- Never throw or point fireworks at other people.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- The shooter should always wear eye protection and never have any part of the body over the firework.
- Stay away from illegal explosives.



## • Bare Feet & Puncture Wounds



Often during the summer people choose to go barefoot when outdoors. If you step on an object and puncture your foot, the wound is vulnerable to infection. To prevent infection after a puncture wound follow these tips:

1. **Call your doctor and ask about a tetanus shot.**
2. **Clean the wound thoroughly with soap and clean water.**
3. **Apply a thin layer of an antibiotic cream or ointment.**
4. **Cover the wound with a bandage.**
5. **Change the bandage at least once a day.**

## • Trash Etiquette



Trash etiquette is probably not a subject most of us give much thought, but serious injuries can result from the improper disposal of trash. Our janitorial staff is exposed to hazards such as cuts, punctures and unknown substances everyday. Following a few simple rules will help decrease the hazards they face.

- Segregate glass by placing in a separate, clearly marked container.
- Place "pop off" metal lids from food containers back in the container before throwing in the trash.
- Dispose of needles and other "sharps" properly.
- Do not put liquids in solid trash containers.

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